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Applicants : Akio FUJIBAYASHI et al.  
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For : METHOD AND APPARATUS  
FOR COOLING HOT ROLLED  
STEEL STRIP, AND  
METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING  
HOT ROLLED STEEL STRIP  
  
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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This is a response to the Office Action of March 18, 2003  
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